

The SCGF concentrations of sera from patients with informed consent and who suffer leukemia, pre-leukemia or aleukemic malignant blood diseases were determined by the method of Example 6. Ten healthy individuals, both men and women, who ~~exhibit~~ exhibited normal test levels in the blood cell test ~~were~~ served as control examples, and their serum SCGF concentrations were also determined. The results are shown in Fig. 7.

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It was also demonstrated that patients ~~of~~ with leukemia, pre-leukemia or aleukemic malignant blood diseases can be detected at a high ~~sensitivity~~ sensitivity with the use of a cut-off value set down from the values for healthy individuals (Table 4). On the other hand, in spite of being a blood disease as well, no significant difference was observed between the values for patients ~~of~~ with aplastic anemia (AA) and healthy individuals, and this disease was not detectable even with the use of a cut-off value.

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Among the patients who underwent transplantation of the hematopoietic stem cells, cases with the occurrence of GVHD exhibited significantly higher serum SCGF concentrations in aplastic and recovery phases compared to those in the cases without occurrence of the disease. Thus, the occurrence of GVHD was ~~able to diagnose~~ diagnosed by measuring the serum SCGF concentration.

Please replace the paragraph on page 61, first full paragraph, beginning with "[p]eripheral blood cells of various . . .," with the following paragraph.